

REMARKS

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement accompanied by a USPTO Form 1449 for the above-referenced case on April 23, 2003. An initialled copy of the PTO Form 1449 was returned by the Examiner with the Notice of Allowance (copy attached). However, the Muzzarelli et al. reference under item "AQ" was not initialled. Accordingly, Applicants kindly request the Examiner send a copy of the completely initialled Form 1449 by facsimile at the number below with confirmation by first-class mail, thereby acknowledging consideration of the references cited therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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